

The requested investigation into your ancestry has been completed and our findings are presented in the following report.

The information you provided us with can be summarised as follows: David Walker had a daughter Anne Jane who married Thomas Woods in Drumquin Presbyterian Church in 1872. We believe it likely that Robert Walker who married Alice Condy in Drumquin Presbyterian Church in 1872 and William Walker who married Ann Jane Buchanan in Drumquin Presbyterian Church in 1867 were also the children of David Walker.

You are looking for the name and dates of birth and death of Anne Jane's mother and the birth date of Anne Jane. We had already examined the baptismal register of Drumquin Presbyterian for you and unfortunately nothing relating to your family had been found. In this piece of research we expanded the search to registers of other Presbyterian churches in the area, beginning with 1st Castlederg Presbyterian Church as Drumquin was united with it until 1793.

The baptismal register was examined on microfilm MIC1P/73/1. There is an index but it appears to be partial. The first index had a gap between Mc and Y and the second index did not include any names starting with W even though there were families beginning with that letter in the register. Similarly to Drumquin Presbyterian Church the baptisms were organised by family rather than chronologically. No Walkers were found in this register.

We then turned to Brian Mitchell's *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland* which maps Presbyterian churches by county so we could see which other Presbyterian churches were located closest to Drumquin Presbyterian Church. The two nearest were:

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church

Baptisms, 1848-66 and 1869-1984; marriages, 1845-1934 [MIC1P/234]

Drumlegagh (or 2nd Ardstraw) Presbyterian Church (established 1782)

Baptisms, 1865-1986; marriages, 1845-1930 [Too late]

Then widening the search slightly:

2nd Ballynahatty (or Creevan) Presbyterian Church (established 1834)

Baptisms, 1867-1984; marriages, 1846-1934 [Too late]

Mountjoy [known as Crossroads up to 1878] Presbyterian Church

Baptisms, 1821-1979; marriages, 1821-1924 [MIC1P/242; CR3/29]

1st Omagh Presbyterian Church (established 1600s)

Baptisms, 1856-1968; marriages, 1845-1927 [Too late]

2nd Omagh or Omagh Trinity Presbyterian Church

Baptisms, 1821-41 and 1849-1942; marriages, 1846-1900 [MIC1P/235]

We examined:

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church (established separately from Ballinahatty 1834) [MIC1P/234]

Baptisms, February 1848 to December 1851. There were a few entries which were difficult to read but no Walker entries were found.

2nd Omagh or Omagh Trinity Presbyterian Church [MIC1P/235/1]

Baptisms, January 1835 to October 1841 (gap in records), May 1849 to December 1853:

No Walker entries.

Mountjoy [known as Crossroads up to 1878] Presbyterian Church [MIC1P/242/1]

Marriages, 1836 to 1844: No Walker entries

Baptisms, January 1836 to December 1851: Walker baptisms found but of no obvious connection to your own family.

- 5 September 1842: Eliza Anne, daughter to John Walker (mother's name: Scott)
- 10 December 1843: Isabella, daughter to William Walker (mother's name: Nixon)
- 24 November 1845: Mary, daughter to William Walker (mother's name not recorded)
- 10 August 1846: Isabella, daughter to John Walker (mother's name: Scott)
- Spring 1847: William, son to William Walker (mother's name: Davis)
- 21 November 1847: Eliza Margaret, daughter to Henry Walker, Carnony (mother's name: Ashenhurst)
- "about the 3rd May 1849": Margaret, daughter to William Walker (mother's name: Davis)
- 28 October 1849: Mary Anne, daughter to Henry Walker (mother's name: Ashenhurst)

We then widened the search further and identified again through Brian Mitchell's *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*, the nearest Presbyterian churches:

1st Ballynahatty Presbyterian Church [MIC1P/97/2]

Baptisms, September 1843 to December 1853:

- Entry number 7) 3 October 1844: Robert, son of Robert Walker and Nancy McKonkey, otherwise Walker
- Entry number 20) 6 October 1847: John, , son of Robert Walker and Nancy McKonkey, otherwise Walker

Dromore Presbyterian Church [MIC1P/247/1]

Baptisms, April 1839 to May 1850: No Walker entries.

Communicant list, c1830: No Walker entries.

We turned then to Griffith's Valuation where we found a David Walker renting a house, offices (out-buildings) and land (34 acres, 1 rood, 5 perches; plot 14) in Sloughan townland where we know Anne Jane was living when she married in 1872. Looking at this site on Google-earth we can still see a building there today [Attachments 1-3].

We next examined the valuation revision books to try and find the year when David's name was removed which may suggest his year of death [VAL/12/B/35/21A-E]. We found that David's name remained in the books until 1910 when plot 14 was being occupied by James Nethery – it is highly unlikely that this was your ancestor due to his likely age. We did identify a David Walker living in Sloughan in the 1901 census, he was 33 years and was the son of Robert Walker. It is possible he was somehow related to your ancestor but this does not assist us in identifying your ancestor David's death record (we had hoped his widow may have registered his death).

We searched through all the female deaths registered in Castlederg registration district, looking at each record which was of the correct age to be Anne Jane's mother. We found the death record of a Catherine Walker who died in 1872 aged 68 years. Examining this record we found that she died in Sloughan and was a farmer's wife; her husband was David Walker [Attachment 4]. While this would make her a little older when she became Anne Jane's mother, it is possible that Anne Jane was the youngest child and we believe that this individual is a good candidate to be Anne Jane's mother.

Time did not permit any further research beyond this point. Although we were not able to locate the baptismal records of the children of David Walker and it appears possible that these records may not have survived, we are pleased to have identified the death record of someone who seems likely to have been David's wife.